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## **Muskegon and Whitehall receive brownfield redevelopment funds**

**LANSING** – The cities of Muskegon and Whitehall were awarded Brownfield Redevelopment Grants and loans totaling more than \$3 million to revitalize contaminated sites within their city limits, announced Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores.

“Whitehall and Muskegon are vital communities in West Michigan,” Van Woerkom said. “This funding will help bring new life to properties that have suffered due to contamination.”

Muskegon was awarded a \$500,000 grant and a \$500,000 loan to conduct site assessments at several locations, including the downtown lakeshore and the city’s three industrial parks.

Whitehall was awarded a \$1.25 million grant and a \$748,000 loan to revitalize the former Whitehall Leather Co. property. Plans call for converting the property to condominiums.

The Department of Environmental Quality has awarded approximately \$9.3 million in Brownfield Redevelopment Grants and \$4.9 million in loans to 23 communities throughout Michigan.

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